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'I WARNED COUNCIL OVER DANGER DOGS'

Report by **Holly Rummens**

Grandmother claims she called pet wardens one hour before 79-year-old Clifford Clarke was mauled to death

A GRANDMOTHER has said she called council dog wardens to deal with two out-of-control dogs one hour before one of them mauled a pensioner to death.

Selina Hagan said she phoned Liverpool City council after the two animals attempted to enter her conservatory where she was looking after her young grandchild.

She said she called the council over one hour before Clifford Clarke, 79, of Richard Kelly Close, Clubmoor, died after being attacked by a neighbour's dog at 7.29pm on Saturday, May 25, in his own back garden.

It is believed the dogs were attracted to the smell of cooking food when Mr Clarke opened his kitchen door to allow the smoke out.

It was confirmed that the aggressor was a bull mastiff crossed with either a presa canario, or a bandog – which is a legal breed.

Merseyside Police arrived at the scene at around 8:30pm where they found the body of the man and were confronted by a dog that was out of control, armed officers attended the scene and "destroyed" one of the dogs which belonged to the house next door.

Mrs Hagan said she called the local dog wardens over an hour before the incident to warn them of the crazed dogs in her garden but was informed there could be a long wait.

But a Liverpool City Council spokesperson said they received the call after the incident at 7.39pm.

The spokesperson said: "This was a shocking and distressing incident and our thoughts are with the family and friends of Clifford Clarke at this difficult time."

"We are working with Merseyside Police to assist their investigation. The animal warden service received a call at 7.39pm on Saturday evening from a resident in the area reporting two stray dogs in her garden. Wardens were in the process of making their way to the property within the two hour response period when they received a further call from the resident at 8.42pm to say the animals had left."

"Police then informed the wardens they were at Richard Kelly Place dealing with a serious incident involving a dog."

A post mortem examination found that Mr Clarke had died from multiple injuries consistent with a dog attack.

Kenny Clarke, 70, Cliffords younger brother said: "Cliff was a very easy-going man, he did

his own thing and made a point about helping others. He loved his local pub, The Farmer's Arms and had many old friends of his there who will miss him dearly."

"He did not deserve this so please put your support behind new laws for dog owners because you would not like any of your loved ones to have this happen to them. Our family are heartbroken."

Two women, aged 27 and 28 years both from Clubmoor, were arrested in connection with the incident but both have now been released on conditional police bail pending further enquires.

They were arrested on suspicion of manslaughter and an offence under the Section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, which relates to a person in charge of a dog allowing it to enter a private property where it is not permitted and the animal then injuring a person. Following their conditional bail both women are not permitted to enter Richard Kelly Close, own a dog or communicate with prosecution witnesses.



Clifford Clarke



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Denise Barrett Baxendale and Joe Anderson Mayor of Liverpool

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Everton scheme is just the job...

Report by **Holly Rummens**

EVERTON in the Community has joined forces with the Mayor of Liverpool to help launch a new programme to help improve the employability of young people across the region.

The Blues official charity has secured funding from Liverpool City Council to deliver a scheme that offers young people aged between 16-24, who are unemployed and out of education the opportunity to gain vital work experience to improve their job prospects.

The programme has been named as 'Young Ambassadors' and will give local young people the chance to work with Everton in the Community on a match day and at other events. They will also get the chance to attend weekly workshops to improve their CV and have the chance to secure full time employment.

Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson said: "Everton Football Club do so much for the community they are part of, and this partnership between the City Council and Everton will give the work they do a real boost. We want to help move young people into work, giving them the skills and confidence they need to get on in life. That's what this scheme is all about. I'm proud to be a Blue, and I know this is a scheme that will do Blues all over the city proud."

Denise Barrett-Baxendale, Chief Executive Officer of Everton in the Community, recently

met with Mayor Anderson to sign the agreement, which will also see young people earn a paid salary for the events they attend.

She added: "Improving the employability of young people across Liverpool is extremely important to Everton in the Community. This scheme will allow those furthest removed from the jobs market the chance to gain experience, confidence, qualifications and remuneration, which will help them secure employment in the future."

"Everton in the Community is committed to supporting local people and helping them improve their life chances, be that through the provision of education and training, volunteering or health intervention. We are delighted to be working even more closely with the Mayor and Liverpool City Council to improve the prospects of our young people and ultimately the employment market in the region."

The Young Ambassadors will be known in and around Goodison Park, and will offer advice and assistance to home and away supporters visiting the ground on a match days.

The Ambassadors will be easily identifiable wearing special florescent bibs and be situated in a variety of locations, including Liverpool city centre, Lime Street Station, bus stations, Stanley Park and County Road.

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MP wants children to learn about money

Report by **Holly Rummens**

STEVE Rotheram, MP for Liverpool Walton, has urged local schools to take part in My Money week, from June 3, to give pupils the chance to learn more about personal finance.

Primary and Secondary Schools in Walton are being given the chance to take part in My Money week, which has returned for its fifth year thanks to a new partnership between national charity PFEG (Personal Finance Education Group) and Barclays.

Mr Rotheram said: “My Money Week will improve young people’s financial skills, knowledge and confidence through special lessons, activities and debates in schools and other settings across the UK. Teachers in Walton can order a free Activity Pack, developed by PFEG, full of creative and engaging financial resources and ideas for how to deliver financial education to young people, from the age of four up to 19.

“Young people in Liverpool Walton can also take part in the ‘A–Z of Money’, a national competition challenging them to learn more about money through creative writing.”

He added: “Since the first My Money Week in 2009, more than three million young people have been helped to understand more about money and personal finance through focused activities in schools.

“In 2012 around 500,000 young people took part in My Money Week activities, with 99 percent of teachers reporting an increase in skills and knowledge and 91 percent of



Steve Rotheram MP for Walton encouraging My Money Week at the GEC.

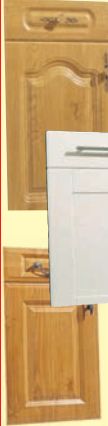
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teachers reporting a shift in students’ attitudes towards money.

“In addition, this year will see extra resources targeted towards disadvantaged young people in both the school environment and the wider community.

“It has never been more important for young people, particularly those who are vulnerable, to be able to access the support they need to learn about money. Having sound financial skills and being confident in managing money is critical to everyday living and achieving future goals.”

Teachers in Liverpool Walton can pre–order their free My Money Week Activity Packs at pfeg.org



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Innocent people could be forced to plead guilty

Report by
Kenny Parker

A LOCAL solicitor has spoken out against proposed Legal Aid changes warning that it could lead to innocent people being forced to plead guilty.

The government's consultation paper Transforming legal aid: delivering a more credible and efficient system, introduced by Justice minister Chris Grayling in April, proposes changes that will save the government about £220m a year, on top of savings already made through changes effected on April 1.

The proposals have galvanised the legal community in protest across the nation, with Nick Archer of Southport's legal team 'Archer, Halliwell, McCormack', which goes under the name of 'Silversmiths' in Bootle, going to London last week for a meeting with other lawyers to discuss what can be done.

The proposals include a draft of cost-cutting measures such as making convicted criminals pay for both their Legal Aid and court costs; set fees for cases whether a defendant pleads guilty or not; and limits to legal aid in civil cases where chances of success are better than 50%.

But the most controversial of the changes however is the introduction of competitive tendering. By it defendants will no longer be allowed to choose their solicitor and legal teams will compete by tendering a

Solicitor fears for future of justice system if changes to Legal Aid come into force



price for each case, a price which must be at least 17.5% less than what it is now.

However Nick Archer accuses the government of being dishonest in its figures: "He Grayling] has quoted that the current Legal Aid bill as one billion and he wants to save £200m out of that. What he has not said is that that one billion includes VAT, so he is getting his £200 million virtually straight back anyway."

Archer also says that the government is yet to quantify how much money has been saved by other changes that have already been introduced. The amount of money that clients can recoup from central funds if they win their cases has been reduced to the flat Legal Aid rate, whereas before it could be whatever 'private' rate they had paid out; as it was in the Steven Gerrard case, he said. Gerrard, who was cleared of a charge of affray in

2009, received £311,000 pounds from the public fund to reimburse his legal fees. Also, limited companies can no longer claim from those central funds.

But about competitive tendering he said: "Our concern is about how innocent people will end up being convicted because unscrupulous firms that will come into this system, seeing that they get paid the same for a guilty plea or a not-guilty plea, will be pressuring clients to plead guilty as fast as they can even though they might have a perfectly acceptable and perfectly proper defence to an allegation."

"A trial might take a morning or it might take a whole day. But you can easily get five guilty pleas in a morning for example, which is five times the amount you get paid."

He said, "A lot of people when they hear about this will say, well, it only affects people who've done bad things; but of course it doesn't. We represent lots of people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in the criminal justice system."

"It isn't just people who've chosen to do bad things that are represented in the criminal justice system but everybody is at risk of being involved in it."

"We think whether they are private or Legal Aid funded, people are entitled to a robust defence."



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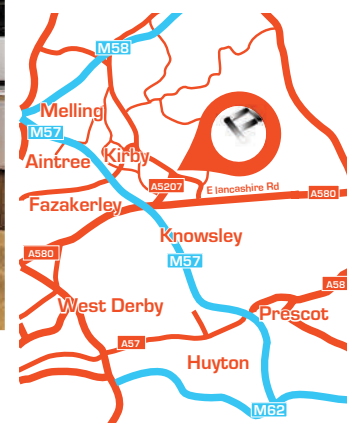
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Liam Delaney at Wembley

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Up for the cup!

by **David Raven**

WHEN Bootle FC were knocked out of the first FA Cup qualifying round loyal fan Liam Delaney was determined to carry on as if they had won.

Dreamer Liam vowed to attend each of the 17 matches in Bootle's route from the Delta Stadium to Wembley to see what their route would have been, if they won each game.

When the Bucks were knocked out after getting beat 2-1 by Bamber Bridge, the hardened fan followed

Liam goes for glory on the Wembley trail

Bamber Bridge who were beaten by Guiseley, the team that were knocked out by Barrow.

Then winners Macclesfield followed suit who were eventually knocked out by Wigan in his 11th game, which also includes several replays around the country.

Liam saw Wigan defeat Huddersfield and then Everton before beating Milwall to set up a Wembley showdown against last

season's Premier League champions Manchester City.

The underdogs won and Liam said the journey, which started at the Delta Taxis stadium in Bootle and finished up at Wembley, would be one he would never forget.

He also added that he was happy to see Wigan run out eventual winners after following them from round four.

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Man arrested after firearms discovery

MERSEYSIDE Police arrested a 21 year old man after they discovered firearms and drugs in a property in Anfield.

At around 7.15pm on Wednesday, May 22, patrol officers noticed a man acting suspiciously on

Radstock Road and as they approached the man, he ran away.

A subsequent search of a property and rear garden in the area resulted in officers discovering what are believed to be a shotgun, shotgun cartridges, a stun

gun and a quantity of Class A drugs (Cocaine) and Class B (Cannabis).

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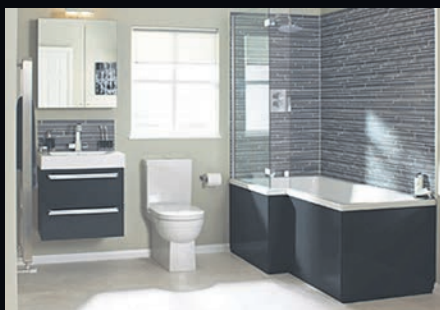
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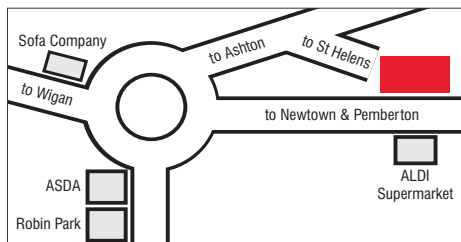
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Efficiency vow by new chief of Merseytravel

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

MERSEYTRAVEL'S new chief executive has pledged to focus on efficiency, openness and transparency after taking charge of the organisation which is responsible for transport throughout the city region.

David Brown, 47, who was previously head of the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, said he wants to build on the recent work focusing on transparency and on activities that add value.

He said: "I am excited by this new challenge and committed to further developing the initiatives led by the chair, as well as strengthening Merseytravel's commitment to working closely in partnership with the Districts and other partners to support the continued economic development of Merseyside."

Councillor Liam Robinson, chair of Merseytravel, said: "I am looking forward to working closely with David, who is undoubtedly the best person to lead integrated transport in the city region into the future."

Mr Brown has been involved in the adoption by the Department for Transport of major rail projects such as a High Speed Rail station in South Yorkshire, and commitment to electrification of the Midland Main Line and to £230m investment in improving journey times on the East Coast Main Line. He has also led the



Merseytravel chief executive David Brown.

largest Bus Partnership in the UK, and is chair of the Passenger Transport Executive Group, which promotes the interests of the six Passenger Transport Executives.

He added: "My overall priority is simply to ensure that Merseytravel is focused on delivering the best possible integrated transport system for Merseyside and the people who live work and visit here."

"I am looking forward to meeting stakeholders throughout the city region in the next few weeks."

Greece and the Euro debate

GREECE and the Euro will be up for discussion at the Sefton Democracy Club meeting tomorrow (Thursday, May 30) at Maghull Town Hall council chamber starting at 7.30pm.

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Mercy is shown to terminally ill man involved in £200m drugs plot

by **Court Correspondent**

A man involved in a £200m drugs plot which saw kilos of heroin and cocaine regularly transported to Scotland from Liverpool walked free from court.

Judge David Aubrey showed mercy to 59-year-old Ronald Harnicke after hearing that he has terminal cancer and only has weeks to live.

The other 29 members of the crime groups, based in Liverpool and Glasgow, have received sentences totalling almost 300 years for their various roles in the 13 month conspiracy which was smashed by a specialist police unit, Titan, last October.

Harnicke, who has bowel cancer, of Joshua Close, Everton, had pleaded guilty to being involved in the plot and Judge David Aubrey, QC said that his home had been used as a safe house where drug adulterants were stored and mixed with the drugs. When his home was searched two kilos of adulterants were found but the judge accepted that his home was not visited by co-conspirators as often as the other five safe houses in the city.

He said his role was as a "gofer" and said that

'Safe house' defendant with only weeks to live walks free from court

because of his health, which was confirmed in medical reports, it was in his experience "a unique case."

Judge Aubrey said that Harnicke, who has numerous previous convictions, is receiving palliative care and he did not feel prison would be able to provide that care for him.

"You have the right to spend the remainder of your life, however short it is, with as much dignity as possible."

He added that in the "exceptional case with the exceptional circumstances" he would impose two years imprisonment but suspend it for two years.

Musician returns to former school ahead of debut single

HOLY Family High School students were privileged to meet and work with top musician Anna Corcoran this week.

Anna, a former pupil at the school, studied music at Goldsmith's in London before embarking on her exciting career as a professional musical artist.

She gave an inspirational assembly to Holy Family pupils about the importance of making the right life choices.

Later in the day Anna lead song writing and vocal workshops with pupils, specifically on technique and breathing.

There were master classes for the school choir culminating in a concert at



Anna Corcoran with pupils at her former school

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Anna, who released her debut single this week,

said: "I loved revisiting Holy Family and I am looking forward to my next visit."

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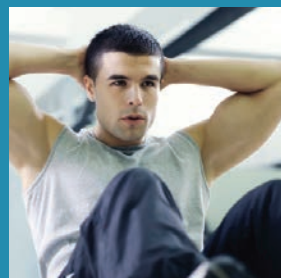
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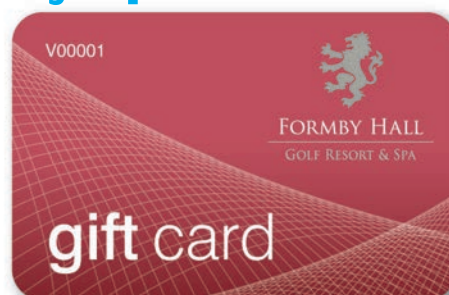
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Waterloo clinic shut following leaky roof

A SEXUAL health clinic has been forced to temporarily close its doors after suffering a leaky roof.

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weeks as repairs are carried out.

The nearest similar clinics are at Netherton Health Centre and the under 25s' PACE clinic at Bootle Health Centre. Both are open on Wednesdays.

Information about alternative clinics on

other days can be found at www.isis.sefton.nhs.uk

Emergency hormonal contraception is available from community pharmacies throughout Sefton and other sexual health clinics.

Chance to discuss new NHS governing bodies

Report by **David Raven**

SEFTON residents are being invited to a meeting to discuss local health services and the new NHS governing bodies.

In a move to simplify local health services, Sefton PCT (Public Health Trust) was scrapped to make way for NHSSCCG (National Health Service South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group) and NHSSFCCG (National Health Service Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group).

The meeting will be an opportunity for Sefton residents to listen to the two groups discussing local health services and hear members of the governing body make decisions about their work and residents' healthcare.

The two groups are made up of local doctors, nurses, practice staff and members of the public or 'lay' people.

They formally took over the responsibility for planning and buying or commissioning local health services from NHS Sefton on April 1 this year.

This includes hospital services, community service and out of hours GPs.

Fiona Clark, accountable officer for both NHS SFCCG and NHS SSCCG, said: "Although we only took on our formal responsibilities in April, we've been working hard over the past two years to improve health services and prepare for our new role."

"We've made good progress already, and our governing body meetings are a great way for people to hear about some of things we've been doing, and what we plan to do in the year ahead to improve health and healthcare for all our residents."

The NHSSCCG starts tomorrow (Thursday, May 30) on the 3rd floor of Merton House in Bootle and the NHSSFCCG begins today (Wednesday, May 29) at the Family Life Centre on Ash Street, Southport.

Anyone wishing to attend should confirm their place by calling 0151 247 7000.

There will also be a chance to meet members of the governing body and ask them your questions before the formal meetings begin at 1pm.

Both formal governing body meetings begin at 1.30pm.

Anniversary concert to remember opera

AN ANNIVERSARY concert to remember a Seaforth opera that regularly took place 85 years ago has been organised.

Seaglam organiser Brenda Murray is asking readers if they remember the Gilbert and Sullivan operas which were performed each year from 1928 to 1939.

The parochial hall of Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Crescent Rd, Seaforth, held regular concerts, dramas and variety shows, as well as card games, dances and lectures.

The Seaglam committee, who recently unveiled the Gladstone memorial in February, are going to organise a concert of Songs from the Shows in June.

This is intended as an anniversary of the concerts in Seaforth of 85 years ago.

It will take place on Friday, July 5, in the Bowersdale centre, Crescent Rd, Seaforth starting from 7pm. Tickets are £3.50, including refreshments.

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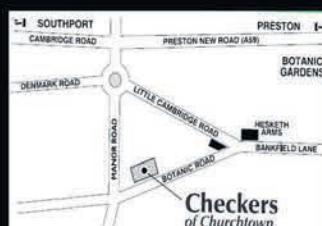
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Borough's stop smoking advisors' mark Save a Baby Month

TO mark 'Save a Baby Month' Sefton's stop smoking advisors have been busy reminding residents of the dangers of smoking around babies and young children.

Evidence from a large number of studies has shown that maternal smoking, either during pregnancy or after the baby is born, significantly increases the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Smoking during pregnancy can also increase the risk of miscarriage, stillbirth, premature birth and low birth weight.

Colette Kearney, Team Leader for Sefton's

local stop smoking team, SUPPORT said: "Whenever you smoke, you inhale over 4,000 chemicals in every cigarette.

"Many of these are toxic and can seriously harm your unborn baby's healthy growth and development – so stopping smoking is a really important way to protect your unborn child."

Partners, family members and friends are also being warned of the effects of second hand smoke around pregnant women, as part of Save a Baby Month.

Second hand smoke is involuntary

breathing in other peoples smoke. Over 80% of second hand smoke is invisible and odourless.

This means that if you are smoking around someone who is pregnant, you are also exposing their unborn baby to the toxic chemicals in second hand smoke.

Colette added: "Giving up smoking is without doubt, the single most important thing you can do to improve your own health and the health of your unborn baby, but we know that it can be hard to do without the right help and support.

"Our friendly team offers non-judgmental advice and support to anyone considering stopping smoking, and would urge all mums and mums-to-be to get in touch with us for help.

"Partners and family members are also welcome to receive support and encouragement to quit and provide a smoke free home for the whole family.

For free advice on the best way to stop smoking, call the SUPPORT team on: 0300 100 1000 or visit www.healthysefton.nhs.uk

Council tax discount for single person households under threat

by Henry James

THE 25% council tax discount which is given to single person households could be under threat.

The Local Government Association (LGA), which is the national voice of local government, is seeking to abolish the discount.

According to reports, more than seven million people are thought to receive the 25% discount. Abolishing it is likely to incur the anger of people living alone, who, typically, would see their council tax bill increase by an estimated £30 a month for a Band D property. Communities secretary Eric Pickles has also branded it the Bridget Jones tax.

Council Tax Advisors – a body which helps people struggling to pay council tax – predicts public outrage if the proposals became law. Chris Richards, managing director and founder of Council Tax Advisors, said: "Taking away the 25% council tax discount for

single occupants will hit the most disadvantaged parts of Britain hardest.

"The cutback of funding in cash terms will be more drastic in areas where council tax benefit spending is higher."

The Champion asked Sefton council for a comment on the matter, but they asked us to speak to the leader of the council, Cllr Peter Dowd. However, Cllr Peter Dowd was unable to supply us with a comment as the Champion went to press.

In neighbouring West Lancashire, a spokesman for the borough council did respond: "The 25% Council Tax discount given to single person households is set by the government. It is not at the discretion of West Lancashire Borough Council to alter it.

"The new benefits system came into operation on April 1. We are monitoring this area closely but it is too early to say what the impact is."

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Sports car drive treat for Callum

Report by **David Raven**

A THREE-year-old car fanatic who has battled through severe illnesses was given the ride of his life in his favourite sports car.

Callum Peace was born with a number of heart defects after doctors doubted his chances of survival but he has since battled both epilepsy and swine flu, having 23 operations.

The Seaforth youngster, who spent two months in hospital earlier this year, is obsessed with cars, and despite his young age, he loves nothing better than to trawl through motor magazines.

He was rewarded for his brave efforts this week when members of the Crosby-based TEAM Fundraising Trust organised a day out at Liverpool Audi.

Mum Jo said: "I've got no idea where his interest in cars came from but he can name most car makes and he will tell you all of the badges as you go down the road."

"I have to buy him Autotrader and Top Gear magazines to keep him entertained, he just sits

'It's great to see him so happy' says mum of brave toddler

there and flicks through them naming all of the cars.

"So thanks to TEAM, Paymon from Nicola's restaurant, and Stewart Ruddock of Liverpool Audi, his dream came true!

"Because of everything Callum has been through, to see the smiles on his face was absolutely priceless it brought me to tears and made everything we go through seem worth the while to see our boy look as happy as that."

"Callum was given a lovely Audi racing teddy bear and he was just running around the car showroom and jumping in every Audi – he even kicked some customers out of one of the cars."

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Signs look good for deaf dog Cindy

by **Holly Rummens**

STAFF at Dogs Trust Merseyside have been taking part in National Deaf Awareness week... along with their own special four legged friend.

Cindy, a 2 year old bull terrier from Dogs Trust Merseyside is completely deaf, and is learning sign language in the hope to appeal to the public and encourage someone to give her a home.

Michelle Roughley, training and behavioural advisor at Dogs Trust Merseyside, says: "Although Cindy can be a little over enthusiastic, she does have a strong sense of smell and responds well to treats, which makes the training easier."

Deaf dogs can be trained fairly easily by just using hand signals instead of verbal commands, in some cases dogs with perfect hearing find it easier to learn using hand signals and so being deaf shouldn't be too much of a disadvantage in most situations.

Michelle commented on the teaching methods used saying: "We use a flicker training technique, which replaces the sound of a clicker, with a light to mark a command, which is then followed by a reward. We are also teaching her sign language, and she now knows the hand signals for sit, down, recall and thumbs up for good work! She gets very giddy when we give her the thumbs up, and she is very pleased with herself!"

Cindy is very sociable, and loves playing in cardboard boxes with everyone, showing her outgoing nature. Ideally, her owners would have had a trained deaf dog before, and would need to be patient, in order to carry on her training and teach her more signals. She can live with children over 10 years old as long as they don't mind her bouncy nature!



Cindy participating in her training

As she is still a young dog, she would need to be re-homed with someone who is at home most of the day. She does get on with other dogs, but can be a bit over enthusiastic at times so would need another patient dog.

If you can give Cindy a home please contact Dogs Trust Merseyside on 0151 480 0660 or drop into the centre at Whiston Lane, Liverpool L36 6HP, United Kingdom.

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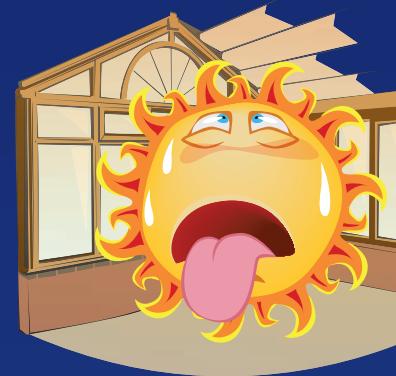
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It could have been built in 80s

Re: Jack Darbyshire's letter in the Champion.

He is right to say the Relief Road was brought back to life by the residents and it had nothing to do with the politicians.

We could have had a dual carriageway in the 1980s linking Switch Island and the Formby by-pass but because the Labour-led council at the time dithered so much the funds were taken away from Sefton and spent elsewhere.

The Thornton by-pass now will be a single carriageway which will be jammed with traffic within two years of it being built.

Although it will alleviate a lot of the traffic on parallel roads that come through to Moor Lane it will not solve the problem because it is not wide enough.

SJ Abbott, Crosby

Relief road is long overdue and it should be welcomed

When the Champion popped through my door last week I felt compelled to write to you after two weeks of ill informed letters on your pages.

I live in Maghull and over the years I have seen a steady increase in the amount of traffic on our roads.

There are times when roads here are gridlocked.

Since I was a boy, I have heard tell of a new road which will make it easier for motorists to get from Switch Island to Southport – and vice versa.

From memory, it has had a number of different names, including the Blue Route and now I read it is to be called the Brooms Cross Road.

Whatever it is called, it is long overdue and it should be welcomed.

As with any development, there will be those

who object because their homes are directly impacted by it, but on the whole it is for the greater good.

I sympathise with those people affected by it, but it is a development which we here in Maghull should welcome.

It will provide not only much needed relief to the roads of Thornton, which was the original aim, but also the roads of Maghull.

With respect to Bill Esterston, I welcome the fact that he stepped in and joined the campaign to get the road built.

I think all of our elected representatives who pushed for this deserve our thanks.

Well done to all involved.

Peter Norris,
Maghull

Local economy will get a boost

The Thornton Relief Road has been under discussion for far longer than most people can remember.

But the reality is that for many motorists who travel from Crosby, Formby or Southport onto the M57, the relief road should speed up journey times especially at rush hour.

Speeding up journey times should be good for businesses and for the economy.

It should also make a huge difference to the people in Thornton who have to put up with the congestion, rat running and pollution generated from the many vehicles which are waiting at the traffic lights in either direction.

The construction of the road will bring jobs and boost the local economy provided that much of the work is carried out by people who live in and around Sefton.

Yes there are always downsides to development but those people who have criticised the scheme should remember that without construction projects like the Thornton Relief Road we will all miss much needed support for our beleaguered economy.

Growth at any cost, not but a sensible approach to developing our infrastructure which supports jobs and prosperity for the majority whether in Aintree, Maghull, Formby, Crosby or further afield, yes.

Well done to everyone who has played their part in bringing this project forward.

Bill Esterston,
Labour MP for Sefton Central

Outdoor gyms are a great idea

Re: The letter from 'disgusted' about the outdoor gyms.

I completely disagree and think the outdoor gyms are a great idea, and, as I understand it, have been expanded to other parks in the area due to the success and positive public response to the pilot gym located on Crosby Marina.

This particular gym has been in situ for a number of years and is used by young and old alike, ideal for those who would not want, or could not afford to, join a 'proper' gym.

The fact that this gym is still there, in the open air and fully intact, is proof that the gyms are not 'destroyed in virtually no time' as 'disgusted' suggests.

These types of initiatives should be encouraged in my opinion.

Obesity costs the NHS over £5billion per year. Anything which can help bring that down has surely got to be a good thing.

K Abram, Waterloo

Funded by PCT

You have printed a letter that shows my local council in a poor light.

Funding for the adult exercise equipment was supplied by the closing Sefton PCT, not Sefton Council.

The council merely acted as a conduit for the PCT.

Glyn Harris, By email

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Bus driver was so helpful

I would like express my heartfelt thanks to the bus driver and passengers for their patience and care when I fainted as I was about to get off a bus.

I was on the way back to Lydiate from visiting my sister in Aintree Hospital on the afternoon of Thursday, May 23 and I must have collapsed as I was about to get off the bus.

The bus driver called for an ambulance and took care of me

while the paramedics arrived and took me to hospital. All the passengers must have been very patient to have waited.

The bus driver also checked later as to find out if I was alright.

I am so grateful for his help and concern and for the understanding of the passengers.

Betty Curran,
Lydiate

Ambulance station closure

The proposed closure of Maghull Ambulance Station, with the ambulance which is based at the station being moved to Buckley Hill Fire Station, is a concern to all Maghull and Lydiate residents and Lib Dem Councillors Andrew Blackburn and Tony Robertson who made the issue public via the Champion newspaper (April 24).

But hang on a minute, the Labour run Sefton Council knew about this closure at least as long ago as March 12 (some 6 weeks previously) when they were written to by the North West

Ambulance Trust and the Labour Party run Fire Authority.

On that basis why did it have to take the Lib Dem councillors to ferret out the information and make it public? Why did Labour sit on the information?

What's more the Labour Party is now raising a petition against the closure that they did nothing about until the Liberal Democrat councillors, with the Champion's help, put it in the public domain.

Lillian Darbyshire,
Maghull

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Community parks officers joined forces with the Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens to tidy up the pond at Beach Lawn Gardens
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Sefton Council's community parks officers joined forces with the Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens to tidy up the water features at Beach Lawn Gardens. The group spent two days

removing weeds, mosses and an overgrowth of reeds and grasses in the pond.

The clearance has made the gardens look visually better and should also enable greater water wildlife to thrive throughout the year.

Christine Moore, community parks officer, was involved in the project. She said: "The group worked tirelessly to really open the pond up and the results speak for themselves."

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It's time to care for our carers, says MP

by **Holly Rummens**

TO celebrate the launch of Carers Week, Sefton Central MP Bill Esterson has joined forces with actress Lynda Bellingham to recognise the contribution that carers in Sefton make on a daily basis.

Mr Esterson pledged his support to carers across Sefton as part of the national awareness campaign, Carers Week, which runs from June 10-16. It is an opportunity to celebrate the 6.5 million carers across the UK and raise awareness of the impact that caring has on people's lives.

This year, Carers Week will be focusing on whether the nation is Prepared to Care? The campaign will highlight how the UK's current carer population is coping, how effectively government is supporting the growing numbers of carers, and whether the wider population is prepared for future caring responsibilities.

As part of Carers Week, a number of events will be held in and around Sefton, to help carers access support and advice. Carers can find out what's going on at www.carersweek.org.

Bill said: "Every day across Sefton one in eight people will care for a loved one in some form. This hidden group of people give up their time, sometimes their jobs and often make life changing sacrifices to care for



Bill Esterson with actress Lynda Bellingham

someone. Carers save this country an incredible £119 billion every year. That's why I believe as a society we must be prepared to care for our carers."

Actress and former carer, Lynda Bellingham, said: "My sister and I cared for our mother when she had Alzheimer's and so I know first-hand the impact that caring can have on someone's life. That's why I'm supporting Carers Week because I believe it's vital that help is made available, especially when you consider that every day 6,000 new people will take on a caring role for a loved one. Carers in this country do a fantastic job and we must come

together to support them.

"It's fantastic to see MPs pledge their support for Carers Week and carers in the UK. Events like this ensure that carers stay at the top of the political agenda and it's also an opportunity to remind MPs and decision makers of the overwhelming contribution that carers make."

Helen Clarke, Carers Week manager, said: "It's fantastic to see MPs taking a stand for carers."

"Carers form the backbone of our society and that's why Carers Week is so incredibly important to not only recognise their contribution, but ensure they get the help and support they need."

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Special project puts spotlight on history of cinema



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YOUNGSTERS attended a special project aimed at showcasing the history of cinema.

Going to the Pictures was organised by staff at the Plaza Community Cinema in Crosby Road North, Waterloo who created a modern-day map with the sites of old cinemas and film screenings with live music from the 1930s.

Christina Condron, heritage officer for the project, said: "It has been fantastic working on the Going to the Pictures project and I have met some great people and heard some amazing stories."

"The response to the project has been really good and it has been nice to share and help trigger fond memories for people about going to the pictures."

"The volunteers who have worked on the project have been amazing and have learnt new skills and have committed time and effort into helping deliver this innovative project."

"The Plaza Community Cinema is the only surviving cinema in the area from this period and one of only two still operating in the whole of Liverpool. The Plaza continues to survive only through the commitment of the cinema staff and volunteers and through support from the local community."

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ACROSS

1 Activity someone does regularly for enjoyment (7)

5 William Webb Ellis allegedly invented this sport in 1823 (5)

8 British slang popularised by comedian Ali G (5)

9 Taking up much space, comparative adjective (7)

10 Popular football pundit, lives in Birkdale (4,9)

11 Grim personification of death (6)

12 Means of approaching or entering a place (6)

15 Sea connected to the Red Sea by the Suez Canal (13)

18 The country Lego was invented in (7)

19 Female ballet dancer costumes (5)

20 Words used to identify people, animals or places (5)

21 Experienced and sophisticated person (7)

DOWN

1 Triangular glass shape with refracting surfaces (5)

2 Popular Spanish alcoholic beverage (7)

3 People who are extremely clever (13)

4 Hinge joints that consist of the humerus, ulna and radius (6)

5 Kingda Ka is the world's tallest at 456ft (13)

6 Known in America as bobby pins but in Britain as Kirkby... (5)

7 Type of short, tight underwear (1,6)

11 Strict fasting month of the Muslim year (7)

13 How politicians are given their position in democracy (7)

14 Considered as the 'cultural capital' of Poland (6)

16 Sturdy cotton fabric, usually blue (5)

17 Too concerned with other people's business (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

Across: 1 Dignity, 4 Bafta, 8 Magnanimous, 9 Nasa, 11 Fir, 12 Dior, 13 Tortes, 15 Sorry, 18 Abrasion, 19 Rope, 20 Catastrophe, 22 Eagle, 23 Present.

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Hope to see you soon, we would love to hear your thoughts and views, you can join the mailing list at theatkinson.co.uk, call 01704 533 333, email info@theatkinson.co.uk or join us on Facebook (The Atkinson) or Twitter (@AtkinsonThe).



Bill Esterson MP has welcomed the free boiler scheme.

Free boiler repair scheme welcomed

Report by **Holly Rummens**

A SCHEME which will give householders in Sefton the opportunity to benefit from free boiler checks, repairs or even replaced, has been given a warm welcome by Sefton Central MP Bill Esterson.

The Affordable Warmth scheme was launched by Energy Alliance in January and is aimed at providing heating and insulation measures to consumers living in private tenure properties that receive particular means-tested benefits.

It supports low-income consumers that are vulnerable to the impact of living in cold homes, including the elderly, disabled and families. It means residents in Sefton who live

in their own homes or private rented accommodation could get their boiler checked, repaired and possibly replaced for free.

Energy Alliance marketing director Simon Holmes said: "We've been encouraged by the response our schemes on Merseyside. It has made a real difference to many homes."

Mr Esterson added: "We are all paying into this scheme through our household bills so I want people here in Sefton to benefit."

"Now is the time to prepare for next winter. You don't want to find your boiler needs repair next November when the cold weather returns – so it's best to check out the scheme now."

"Old boilers can be unreliable and costly to run, which won't help with the energy bills."

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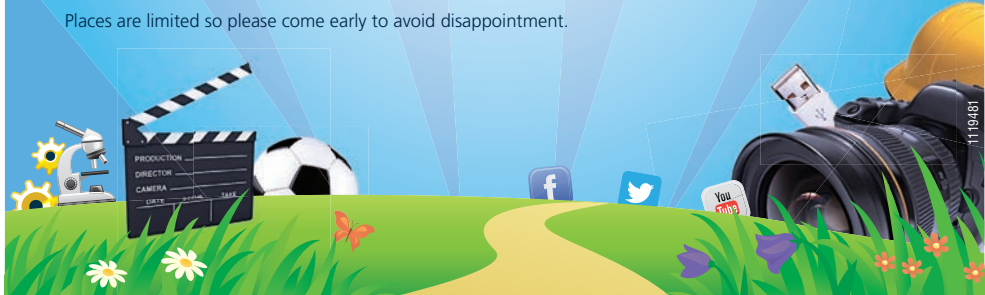
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Two festivals made me less cynical

One Man & His Dog

JIM SHARPE



IN the past couple of weeks I've had a huge boost in my faith in 'community spirit'.

Now those are two words I have cynically disliked for years. Community spirit has seemed to me to be another way of saying that a small group of do-gooders doing what they consider to be 'good' for the rest of us.

Too often this really means a really quite small number of people becoming (usually) temporarily involved in doing something for or to some other small group of people who quite probably don't want it doing.

But over two recent weekends (or a bit longer on one case) I have seen for myself just what the community can do when it gets together to do something genuinely good, something people want – something people miss.

First I went along to the Lydiate Festival.

A committee formed largely of people from local schools, Scouts and Guides, organised what turned out to be a truly magical event thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who turned out for it.

And that was the point – they did. It was an afternoon to remember fondly – and though I didn't get to the evening band night I understand that this too was a howling success.

Birthday bash

And then, if that were not enough to cheer my jaded spirits, Maghull staged its five-day 'Hornby Festival' – celebrating what would have been toy-maker Frank Hornby's 150th birthday.

This wonderful event was never even a

vague plan from a local councillor.

This extravaganza (it was billed as such and for once lived up to its billing) came from the Rector of the local parish church who found a Hornby railway in the loft when he was clearing his father's house.

He and a very small committee then set about planning and executing an ambitious programme of events all over the town, all with a theme of Frank Hornby.

And there was something to please and interest everyone – from Olde Time Music Hall to a comedy night, from a flower display to a Victorian Fair.

Before it opened I had (and I expressed) severe doubts that something of this size and complexity could be pulled off. I feared it would be a gigantic flop.

And I was totally, absolutely wrong.

The thing was, yes the committee was small (though keen and dedicated) but their success wasn't only in organising the Festival, it was in somehow tapping into the latent skills and enthusiasm of so many other local groups and individuals who saw a chance to produce a truly memorable community event and grasped it with both hands.

I reckon I am a better person after going along to both these local celebrations.

My cynical hat is still ready and available for use – but now I would defend to the last the notion that a community really can pull together for the benefit of everybody given the right person – or persons – to push the right button.

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It's a great place to do business...

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SEFTON is being hailed as one of the greatest places in the UK to do business, says Bootle cab firm Delta Taxis.

The taxi business felt the need to speak out in recognition of Sefton's new business-friendly approach, as most local authorities come under fire over recent cuts.

Company spokesperson, Paul McLaughlin, said: "Delta Taxis was established long before Sefton was even formed so we've seen some changes over the years.

"In all that time, we have never known a council so conducive to business as Sefton is today. For an industry so heavily regulated, it's vital for us at a local level that officers and Councillors invest time and energy in meaningful consultation with all trade members.

"In Sefton we're blessed with a very proactive team who provide the perfect environment for businesses like Delta Taxis to realise their full potential."

McLaughlin added: "Sefton's planning department feels different today.

"Instead of looking for ways to say no, it's as if their officers

Cabbie hails borough as one of the best places in the UK for firms

are looking for ways to say yes and to speed things along.

"In terms of workforce, South Sefton continues to provide a pool of untapped potential so recruitment is quite easy, and we continue to enjoy guidance and support from a very dynamic Sefton Chamber of Commerce who are never far from the front line as Sefton battles through this recession."

Sefton Chamber CEO Steve Dickson responded by saying: "An active and fast moving Planning Department is vital as the 'Oxygen for growth and investment'.

"We are pleased to be hearing about so many positive experiences of late, in what is a complex and difficult arena that has needed national reform for some years.

"Firms such as Delta Taxis must have confidence, to make investment decisions such as those taken in the last 4 years."

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New support group for mums who want to breast feed

A NEW support group has been launched in Sefton aimed towards mums who wish to breast feed when they are out and about.

The weekly breastfeeding drop in known as the 'Chill and Chat' is run by trained infant feeding advisors from BreastStart and Hudson Children Centre, and supported by Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust.

The drop in group will take place every Monday, from 2 to 3pm in the café area of the Kiddicare store in Aintree.

All mums in the antenatal and postnatal period are welcome to attend the 'Chill and Chat' group, as the sessions will also support pregnant mums on feeding their baby.

Justina Hodge, Family Development Worker based at Hudson Children's Centre in Maghull was the brains behind the idea to run this new group. She explains: "Our hope is that this group will help raise awareness of the health benefits of continuing to breastfeed beyond the first few weeks, and will support mums in the area to feel more comfortable to breastfeed when they are out and

about in local coffee shops, parks, and other public places."

Alison Welsh, Public Health Development Nurse for Liverpool Community Health adds: "We know that the idea of breastfeeding whilst you're out and about can be daunting for some new mums, and this often impacts on how long a mother chooses to breastfeed her baby.

"As health professionals, we are working closely with mums groups and local facilities across Sefton to help successfully support local mums to feel comfortable breastfeeding in public places, and this new scheme is a really great example of what can be achieved."

Each week, other breastfeeding mums will also be on hand during the drop in sessions to share their top tips for feeding whilst out and about, as well as provide support on other breastfeeding issues like returning to work.

Clare Clarke from BreastStart, Sefton's infant feeding peer support service said: "We want to encourage new mums and mums-to-be to join us for one of these friendly and informal sessions, and to start to discover all of the benefits."

Making their point!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A SEFTON Charity is to offer anger management courses to everyone within the borough.

The free courses, designed to help people who have issues with controlling their emotions, will be run by Compass Counselling as part of a Sefton Council Voluntary Service.

Each session is designed to help people get a clear understanding about their problems and feelings.

Talking to a counsellor could help to manage angry feelings which otherwise may lead to depression, addiction and eating disorders.

All Compass counsellors have a professional qualification but are not doctors or psychiatrists so they cannot prescribe medicines or diagnose illness.

Anger Management Counselling will take place within the borough but a definitive location has yet to be confirmed. Referrals can be made either by a GP or by visiting www.compass-counselling.org.uk.

Liverpool footballer Louis Suarez was told he could benefit from anger management therapy after he bit a Chelsea player in the recent game between Liverpool and Chelsea at Anfield. Following Suarez's latest

Compass Counselling to offer free anger management courses... even Louis Suarez might be interested



Louis Suarez – offered anger management courses

misdeemeanour, he was offered the therapy by the Professional Footballers' Association.

Its chief executive, Gordon Taylor, said at the time: "We've got a lad here who is an extremely good player, one of the world's best and is letting

himself, the club and the game down by his actions.

"While it's good he made a personal apology we have got to work really hard with him and I hope the club agree on this anger management business to avoid it happening again."

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Charity in call for new foster carers

SEFTON is calling for new foster families after new figures showed a massive shortfall of carers.

The Fostering Network's report found that in the last two years over 61 per cent of carers have taken in children who have previously had two or more moves between homes, while 42 per cent have looked after at least one child who has been moved four or more times.

One in ten carers has taken in a child with 10 or more moves before living with them.

For details see couldyoufoster.org.uk

Man who confessed to 25 thefts is given extra prison time despite 'police promise' claim

A MAN currently in jail for burglary has formally confessed to 28 new crimes after claiming that the police promised him he wouldn't serve any more time in jail if he did so.

Shane Nixon, 23, from Litherland, appeared at Sefton Magistrates on May 24, and pleaded guilty to three theft offences and asked for 25 others to be taken into account.

However, the magistrates extended his sentence, which was due to expire in three weeks, by a further six months after the legal advisor said it would be actionable if a police officer had made such a promise.

"If he did, he wouldn't be a police officer for much longer," he said.

The legal advisor also argued that Nixon had received legal advice from his solicitor before the hearing and had chosen to continue with the admissions.

After the long list of offences dating back to 2011 were heard, which generally involved the theft of sat navs and laptops from vehicles, but also included the theft of numerous power tools, an iPhone, a Kindle, cash and even a police officer's uniform, Lynnn Ingman prosecuting said that Nixon was currently serving a custodial sentence for burglary and has a record for "dishonesty and interfering with vehicles".

The three charges were specimen charges from the list, she said, two of which were sat navs stolen from taxis, one of which suffered £100 worth damaged to a window. The crimes were generally committed in the Crosby, Bootle, Netherton, and Aintree areas of Merseyside.

Representing Nixon, Mr Kielty, said that police have often tried to get prisoners to confess to other crimes while inside on the premise of them being used as TICs (Taken into Consideration), "but that very often it's not fruitful".

He said that Nixon was visited by police and was told that if he confessed to the crimes, "you won't get any more time. You can come out with a fresh start to engage with your life."

He then explained, "The officers have gone in at a particular time when he is wanting to wipe the slate clean."

He said that Nixon is "extremely upset and feels misled by the officers".

However Kielty also said that Nixon had "unrealistic expectations" if he believed that nothing would come of his confessions.

Sentencing him, the magistrates said they recognised he had fully cooperated with the police and had pleaded guilty but said: "Despite this, these offences have caused inconvenience, misery and distress and we feel therefore you should go to jail for six months to run concurrently."

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- Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- D/G, GCH
- Garage, Gardens, No Chain

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Wenning Avenue

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- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Study, Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage, Gardens
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- Lounge
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- Detached Garage

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- Lounge, Conservatory
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Melling

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- Lounge
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- Bathroom
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- Two bedrooms
- Lounge, bathroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Private rear garden

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Walton

Limetree Close

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- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Lounge
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway
- GCH, DG, NO CHAIN

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- Three Bedroom Terraced House
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- GCH, DG, NO CHAIN

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Walton

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L31

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- 4 bedroom detached unfurnished property
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Lydiate

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- Bathroom, WC
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- Lounge, Kitchen, Shower Room
- Gardens, Garage, Driveway

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Scarisbrick

Southport Road

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Kitchen Diner
- Bathroom, En Suite, WC
- Gardens, Driveway

£800 PCM

Orrell Park

Kingfield Road

- Modern Four Bedroom Detached House
- GCH and D/G Windows
- Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Area,
- Conservatory, Kitchen and Utility Room.
- Four Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room.
- Front and Enclosed Rear Gardens.

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Kirkby

Bramcote Road

- Four Bedroom Terrace House
- Lounge Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen Utility Room
- Bathroom
- Gardens

£595 PCM

Fazakerley

Longdown Road

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Driveway, Gardens
- GCh and DG

£595 PCM

Littledale

Gibson Close

- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, Wc
- Garden, Driveway
- GCH, DG

£550 PCM

Kirkby

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- End Terrace House
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Bathroom, Driveway
- Enclosed Gardens

£525 PCM

Bootle

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- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Rear Reception, Kitchen
- Bathrooms upstairs and downstairs
- GCH and DG

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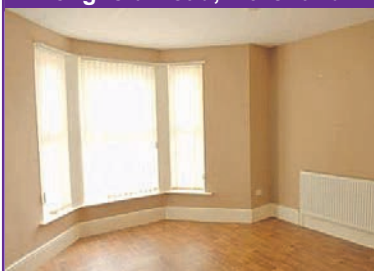
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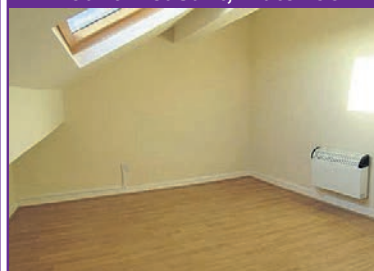
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* Modern Bathroom
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* Modern Bathroom
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- DG • GCH
- Electric Shower
- Yard to Rear

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£249,950



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DALE CLOSE, MAGHULL

£184,950

No chain



Detached bungalow. Extended. Two bedrooms. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/breakfast room. Gardens to three sides. Garage. Cul de sac. No chain. EPC Rating D

KENYONS LANE, LYDIATE

£179,950



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£169,950



Extended semi detached. Three bedrooms. Living room, conservatory, kitchen/diner and separate sitting room. Bathroom and shower room. Driveway and paved rear garden. EPC Rating D

SATINWOOD CRESCENT, MELLING

£169,950



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CONISTON ROAD, MAGHULL

£164,950



Semi detached house. Corner plot. Three bedrooms. Two reception rooms. Driveway & garage. Front & rear gardens. EPC Rating D

DEYES COURT, EASTWAY, MAGHULL

£159,950



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£159,950

No chain



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NURSERY ROAD, LYDIATE

£153,950



Semi detached house. Three bedrooms. Living room. Contemporary kitchen/dining room. Modern bathroom. Driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating D

NORTHWAY, MAGHULL

£149,950



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MOSS LANE, MAGHULL

£144,500

No chain



Semi detached bungalow. Extended. South facing rear garden. Two bedrooms. Living room opening to dining room opening to kitchen. No chain. EPC Rating E

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£129,950



Extended semi detached. Southerly facing rear garden. Three bedrooms. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/breakfast room. Cloakroom. Driveway. Gas central heating & double glazing. EPC Rating D

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£129,450

No chain



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£105,000



Three bedroom semi detached. Extended. Living room opening to dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room with integrated appliances. Shower room. Driveway, garage & garden. EPC Rating D

STONYFIELD, NETHERTON

£55,000



Ground floor flat. Two bedrooms. Living room. Southerly facing shared rear garden. Useful storage cupboards. Private front entrance. EPC rating C

Musical could become the next cult classic

Review by **Ron Ellis**

- Priscilla, Queen of The Desert
- Liverpool Empire

THIS is a truly a big-scale production with stunning costumes, amazing sets, breath-taking dance routines and brilliant music in the same ‘jukebox musical’ vein as Dreamboats and Petticoats and Save The Last Dance, a background story to accompany a string of hit singles, in this case mostly gay anthems from the 1970’s.

The plot is simple but very effective. Jason Donovan’s estranged wife phones him from Alice Springs to say he has a six-year-old son who wants to see him. This is a bit of an embarrassment as he is working in Sydney as a drag queen, but he hires a battered minibus (Priscilla) and sets off with two of his chums (also drag queens) on a 2,000 mile journey across the Australian outback, putting on shows along the way and having adventures with various people while finding out a lot about themselves. The ending was moving, with father

meeting his boy for the first time.

From the moment the three divas (Emma Kingston, Ellie Lean and Laura Mansell), clad in shimmering white glitzy outfits, were lowered from the heavens singing It’s Raining Men at full throttle to a booming disco accompaniment, the excitement never faltered.

Mixed in with the disco hits like Go West, I love the nightlife and Hot Stuff were a couple of unexpected treasures, Jerome Kern’s and Follie! Delirio Vano e questo! from Verdi’s La Traviata.

What a pity that the sound system didn’t work as well with the voices as it did with the music, it was not just the Australian accents that made the speech hard to follow.

Jason Donovan reprised his triumphant West End role of Tick (Mitzi). Looking like an undistinguished post-war Northern comedian in his ordinary suit, and dwarfed onstage by Alan Hunter (deputising as for the indisposed Richard Grieve as Bernadette), once he donned the outlandish gowns he was transformed into an instant glamour Queen.

Graham Weaver made up the trio of trannies as Adam (Felicia); Julie Stark was Mitzi’s wife, Marian, and Giles Watling was superb as the macho mechanic who forms an attachment to Bernadette.

This was a very modern musical, full of in-your-face camp humour reminiscent of the Julian and Sandy sketches in those classic Round The Horne radio shows, with lots of double entendres, some of which were repeated too often.

There were also two particularly amusing comic routines, the first featuring a lady shaking what I presumed was a pair of balloons in time to the music and the other sketch based, I believe, on an entertainment offered in dubious Bangkok nightspots, involving flying ping pong balls. Both of which had the audience rolling in their seats.

I can see Priscilla becoming another cult, like Rocky Horror, always on tour somewhere, its fan base increasing year by year.

STAR RATING 8 out of 10 loud, brash, amusing and invigorating

Rutherford & Son is an outstanding production

- Rutherford & Son
- Liverpool Playhouse
- Review by Jenny Robson

WHEN author Githa Sowerby collected copies of the early newspapers on the morning following her play’s opening night in February 1912 she could not have imagined that her powerful story – loosely based on her family’s life – would still be received so warmly a hundred years later.

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Rutherford has no concern for his family’s feelings resulting in some

lively interaction, especially with Janet (a hum-dinger of an argument over the dining table in which many home-truths are exchanged) and Mrs Henderson who has arrived to speak up on behalf of her daughter.

The home clearly lacks love. With his family on the brink of collapse a baffled Rutherford is forced to listen to his shy and retiring daughter-in-law, Mary, who has engineered a solution for the continued success of both the family and the company.

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Basic Allowance All Members to receive a Basic Allowance of:	8,520
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Annual Increases Increases in Members' Allowances will be linked to the average pay increase given to Sefton Council employees; and the annual adjustment in Members' Allowances will be implemented for a period of four years in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) Part 3 Sections (4) and (5). This does not prevent the Independent Remuneration Panel from reviewing the Scheme at any time, but allows for the Scheme to continue without a full review subject to the annual adjustment being applied. The Scheme is available for inspection on the Council's website www.sefton.gov.uk or at Bootle Town Hall, Oriol Road, Bootle, L20 7AE between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.	
Dated 29th day of May 2013	
Andrea Watts Head of Governance and Civic Services	
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The works are expected to take place over six nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during
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The Order will ban all traffic from:

- the A5036 Trunk Road westbound carriageway from the centreline of the junction with the A5090
Hawthorn Road to the centreline of the junction of the Trunk Road with Crosby Road, including
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- the A5036 Trunk Road eastbound carriageway from the centreline of the junction with the
A565 Crosby Road to the centreline of the junction with the A5090 Hawthorn Road, including
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- turning left from the A5036 Trunk Road eastbound onto Rawson Road;
- turning left from the A5036 Trunk Road eastbound onto Sandy Road; and
- turning left from Ash Road onto the A5036 circulatory carriageway of the Princess Way roundabout.

- High-sided vehicles wishing to proceed along the A5036 westbound beyond it's junction with
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continue to the roundabout junction with the B5422 Sefton Road, take the final roundabout exit to
return southbound along Hawthorne Road back to the junction with the A5036 Trunk Road and turn
left to travel eastbound back along the A5036 Trunk Road to the advanced diversion commencing at
the junction with the A5038 Netherton Way described at a) above.
- All other vehicles wishing to proceed along the A5036 westbound beyond it's junction with
Hawthorne Road will be directed to turn left onto Hawthorne Road and continue to the signalised
junction with the A566 Linacre Lane, turn right to travel westbound along Linacre Lane and Knowsley
Road to A565 Crosby Road and turn right to follow the road to the A565/A5036 roundabout where
the diversion will end.
- Northbound traffic on Hawthorne Road wishing to turn left to join the A5036 westbound will
be directed to continue, crossing the Trunk Road to the B5422 Hawthorn Road/Sefton Road
roundabout, take the final roundabout exit to return southbound along Hawthorne Road to
return to the junction with the A5036 Trunk Road and turn left to travel eastbound along the
A5036 Trunk Road to the junction with A5038 to join the diversion route described at b) or c)
above as appropriate.
- High-sided vehicles wishing to join the A5036 eastbound between it's junctions with the A565
Crosby Road and B5422 Hawthorn Road will be directed to join the A565 Crosby Road and continue
southbound past the roundabout junction with the A5036 Trunk Road to the junction with the A5058
Balliol Road, turn left and proceed eastbound to the signalised junction with the A5038 Southport
Road, turn left onto A5038 Southport Road and continue northbound to return to the junction with
the A5036 Trunk Road where the diversion will end.
- All other vehicles wishing to join the A5036 eastbound between it's junctions with the A565
Crosby Road and B5422 Hawthorn Road will be directed to join and continue southbound
along the A565 Crosby Road past it's roundabout junction with the A5036 Trunk Road to the
junction with the A566 Knowsley Road, turn left and continue westbound along Knowsley
Road and Linacre Lane to the signalised junction with the A590 Hawthorn Road, turn left and
continue northbound to the junction with the A5036 Trunk Road where the diversion will end.
- Traffic wishing to turn left onto the A5036 westbound from Sefton Street will be escorted through
the works, as will traffic wishing to turn into Sefton Street from the Trunk Road.
- Traffic wishing to join the A5036 Trunk Road from the A567 Bridge Road eastbound will be directed
to turn left onto Penrhyn Avenue southbound, left onto Palmerston Drive westbound, right onto
A567 Linacre Road southbound to join one of the main eastbound or westbound diversion routes
(for high-sided vehicles at the junction with the A5058 Balliol Road, or for all other vehicles at the
junction with the A566 Knowsley Road/Linacre Lane). Conversely, traffic wishing to access A567
Bridge Road from the A5036 will follow this reverse diversion route from A567 Linacre Lane/Stanley
Road having first negotiated the appropriate main diversion route at a), b), c), e) or f) above.
- Traffic wishing to join the circulatory carriageway of the A5036 Trunk Road roundabout from
Croxteth Avenue northbound will be directed to the Southern end of Croxteth Avenue and to
turn left onto Palmerston Drive where it can join and follow the diversion route described at
h) above. Conversely, traffic wishing to access Croxteth Avenue from the A5036 Trunk Road
will be directed to follow this diversion in reverse having first negotiated the diversion route
described at h) above in similar reverse order.
- Traffic wishing to join the A5036 Trunk Road from Bridge Road westbound at Princess Way
roundabout will be directed left onto an advance diversion at Sandy Lane and then join the A5036
westbound to travel to the roundabout with the A565 Crosby Road where the appropriate diversion
described at e) or f) above.
- Traffic on the A5036 wishing to access the western extent of Bridge Road beyond the Princess
Way roundabout will be directed to continue along the appropriate A5036 main diversion as
appropriate until the junction of the A565 Crosby Road with Seaforth Road, turn (left or right as
appropriate) onto Seaforth Road and continue into A567 Bridge Road where the diversion will end.
- Traffic wishing to access Rawson Road from A5036 Trunk Road Eastbound should turn left
from A565 Crosby Road Southbound into Claremont Road and then right into Rawson Road
where the diversion will end.
- Traffic wishing to access Sandy Road from A5036 Trunk Road eastbound should turn left from
A565 Crosby Road into Claremont Road and then continue at the roundabout into Sandy Road
where the diversion will end. This diversion should be followed in reverse order for traffic wishing
to leave Sandy Lane to join the A5036 eastbound in order to join A565 Crosby Road Southbound
and join the appropriate diversion route described at e) or f) above.
- Traffic wishing to join the A5036 Trunk Road Eastbound at Princess Way roundabout from Ash Road
will be directed to take Beach Road and continue into Tattersall Road, Jubilee Road and then Linacre
Road in order to join one of the main diversion routes as described at e) or f) above as appropriate.
Conversely, traffic wishing to access Ash Road should follow this diversion in reverse order after
taking the appropriate diversion route to arrive at A567 Linacre Road. However, the underbridge
between Tattersall Road and Jubilee Road has a clearance of 3.4m and so high-sided vehicles
should stop and wait for a marshall to escort them through the works.

The prohibitions will apply only during such times and to such extent as will be indicated by traffic
signs and will not apply to vehicles being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue
or ambulance services, or to vehicles being used in connection with the works, or by traffic officers.
The Order comes into force on 7 July 2013 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The Agency contact for any further information about this notice is Ian Claridge.
Telephone No: 0161 930 5923.

Ian Claridge, An Official of the Highways Agency, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

LAWRENCE Brian

Passed away
9th May 2013,
aged 45

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral to be held on Friday 31st May at 1.30pm at St Helens Crematorium. Afterwards at The Wardens Club, Skelmersdale.

Family flowers only please but donations being gratefully received for the British Heart Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM

DEVEREUX Mark Stephen

27th May - 9 years

In Loving Memory of our Dear Son

The time keeps slipping away, but in our hearts and memories you are there every day

Good night,
God bless Mark

Mum, Dad, sisters Julie & Helen, brothers-in-law Tommy & Paul, nieces and nephews Natalie, Carly, Tayler, Thomas & Paul, great nieces Lillie-Rose & Amber-Jo'an
x x x x x

BIRTHDAY MEMORIALS

ASPINALL Harry

30th May



Remembering you on your birthday. Still so sadly missed every day. Those we love don't go away, they walk besides us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. So loved, so missed, so very dear.

Goodnight, God Bless Son
Mum Dad,
Danielle, Lauren, Joel,
Philip, Nathan

IN MEMORIAM

RB RIX (Sonny)

29/07/28
- 01/06/12

My Darling Sonny
One long lonely heartbroken year without you.
Forever loved,
forever missed by
your loving wife Sheila
and all your loving family.
Rest in peace
my love
x x x

BIRTHDAYS

ELLIE TEACHEN

29th May

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Happy 16th Birthday Ellie, have a brilliant day. Love you all the peas in the world. Mum Dad and Gill and all your family (not forgetting the Pups)
X X X X X X X

WILLIAMS Daniel Carl

28th May 2012
Aged 25

1 year since you left us.
If I could have my dearest wish that could take away my pain I'd ask for only one thing Dan to have you back again
Nan
X X

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS Daniel Carl

Sunset 28th May 2012
Aged 25



He went away without farewell, he said goodbye to none. But Heaven's gates were opened wide and a loving voice said 'Come'. Beside his grave we often stand, our hearts are tired and sore. But through the gloom we hear the words 'Not dead just gone before'. The lights will guide you home. Now and always Mum & Dad X X X

BERNIE Monaghan

2nd June 1952



My smiles hide the sadness
And tears for you still fall
But living my life without you
Is the hardest part of all.
Love Jude
X X X

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS Daniel Carl

Sunset
28/05/2012
Aged 25

We will wear your memory proudly.
Our only brother, our true friend.
May our love for you reach Heaven, until we meet again.
Lights will guide you home.
All our love always
Ryan & Elisha X X X

WILLIAMS Daniel Carl

Sunset
28/05/2012
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Bank Holiday blues!

Life on Cars by
David Simister

SO another Bank Holiday weekend's been and gone. How was yours?

If you were sensible you probably spent it trying to shelter your pint from the searing heat of the sun in a beer garden of your choice, enjoying a round of a rather different sort at the Royal Birkdale or – if you were feeling adventurous – trying to avoid a DIY–induced trip to your nearest Accident & Emergency.

It's just a shame, then, that I loathe the Bank Holidays with a venom usually only reserved for Bob Geldof, the music of Will.i.am and the Kia Pride.

Part of the problem is that – unlike days you've chosen to take out your holiday allowance, when the world truly is your oyster and you're free to make whatever carefully considered plans you like for it – Bank Holidays are essentially days when the Government tells you that you must have fun. Whitehall telling you to enjoy yourself is like telling a six-year-old child to go to sleep – because of the imperatives involved, it ain't gonna happen. But worse still is the unintended but inevitable

byproduct of Britain's population being told, en masse, to have a good time; the slightly silly amounts of traffic on the major roads and motorways from clocking off work on Friday right through to the following Tuesday morning. As much as I love cars and driving, even I was wishing someone would get on with inventing a successful teleportation as I sat in the same two mile stretch of M6 for the 45th minute last Friday night. If you can liken Britain's road network to a living, breathing thing, then the Bank Holiday weekend represents the clogged arteries that come after the nation collectively gorging itself on the double cheeseburger that is the working week. I would have loved to have travelled at a different time but I could only leave work to get where I needed to be when – you guessed it – work finished.

There was that idiotic suggestion by some Government think tank that Bank Holidays should be abolished altogether, but really what Whitehall ought to do, for the nation's collective commuting sanity, is manage the congestion or give a grant to whoever can invent a teleporter!



Organisers of the Lydiat Classic Car Show are raising funds for charity Code NA

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The organisers of the Lydiat Classic Car Show said they were keen to hear from car clubs who would be interested to hear from any car clubs keen to bring their classics to Merseyside for the July 7 event, which will help to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Event co-organiser Ben Spears said: "Currently in its sixth year, the show has raised almost £10,000 for the cancer charity.

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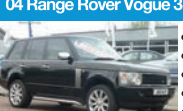
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Marine fined and deducted points over Doherty error

MARINE have been deducted three points by the Northern Premier League and fined £100 by the Football Association for fielding an ineligible player, Sean Doherty, in the league fixture at Nantwich Town on the Tuesday, February 26.

Doherty had not received international clearance from the FA of Wales following his departure from Colwyn Bay in 2011 and his subsequent transfers to AFC Liverpool and Droylsden before joining Marine.

A club spokesman said: "Marine FC has an excellent reputation for the quality of its football administration and Richard Cross, unbelievably, only our fourth club secretary since 1934, continues with that strong tradition.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Richard's calibre as our secretary. We are extremely disappointed that the failings of others have resulted in our club receiving these charges."

Doherty last played for Colwyn Bay in 2011 and having been injured for the remainder of that season following surgery he joined Step 5 club AFC Liverpool in November 2012.

As the first English club signing Sean since leaving Colwyn Bay, AFC Liverpool should have applied for the issue of the international release certificate from the FA Wales. They chose not to, however, and he made three appearances for them.

Doherty then moved to Droylsden in January and they failed to check the player had received international clearance previously and he made six appearances for them.

The spokesman added: "In the knowledge that Sean Doherty had played for two English clubs since leaving Wales some clubs, possibly most, would not have made an enquiry about clearance but Richard still wanted to check to make sure

"We are really disappointed that Richard's email to the FA of Wales remained in the enquiries inbox from Monday, February 25 at 13.09 until Wednesday, February 27 at 9.26am tafter our game against Nantwich in which Sean played coming on as sub

"From receiving the email from the enquiries inbox it took only nine minutes for the officer at the FA of Wales to advise Richard that international clearance should be applied for.

"Had that response been received before our game against Nantwich, the day before, we would not have played him.

"Recognising the failings of AFC Liverpool, Droylsden and the unacceptable delay at the FA of Wales we are disappointed to have been found guilty by the FA with a £100 fine and then to be deducted the three points won in the hard fought victory at Nantwich Town by the Northern Premier League."



Jazza Dickens on his way to the English title

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'Jazza' extends unbeaten record

RISING boxing star James 'Jazza' Dickens made it 15 wins out of 15 as a pro when he defeated tough Welshman Dai Davies at a packed Olympia last Friday, May 24.

The 22-year-old, a product of the Everton Red Triangle club, scored a decisive points victory in the 10-round contest to add the British Masters title to the English super bantamweight belt he won in March.

Southpaw Dickens never looked in danger of defeat as he extended his 100 per cent record since turning professional in 2011 with referee Mark Lyson scoring it 99-93 in his favour meaning the local prospect was adjudged to have won seven of the 10 rounds with Davies given one and two shared.

Fine all round effort puts Northern second

FOR the first time this season all our local clubs in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition finally got a full game of cricket in on Saturday and Northern took advantage by beating bottom club Highfield by four wickets to go second in the table.

Stephen Cole and Tomas Sephton took four wickets each as Highfield were dismissed for 207 with Michael Farrel top scoring with 94 and Simon Mollitt making 65.

Opener Stephen Lucas then scored 66 and James Cole top scored with an unbeaten 65 for Northern to claim victory.

In the Premier Division Maghull lost by 108 runs at current champions Lytham.

After electing to bat the hosts racked up 262-4 dec in 50 overs, thanks to Alex Davies (70), Dom O'Brien, Fayaz Ughradar (65) and an unbeaten 25 from Joe Davies with Muhammad Abid taking 3-64. In reply a defiant 92 from former skipper Jon Ring and 25 from Donavan Pell were the only Maghull batting highlights in their 154 total, with Anthony Mulligan (3-24) and Ben Saunders (3-27) the pick of the bowlers.

Fleetwood Hesketh were beaten by six wickets at home to Ormskirk, after electing to bat first the hosts slipped to 48-6 with Nicky Counce (5-33) in outstanding form with the ball, before some rearguard action from Adnan Malik (23) and Paul Mullen (22) helped them to 120 all out. In reply an unbeaten 49 from keeper Gary Knight and 27 from Andy Baybutt helped see the visitors to victory on 121-4.

Southport & Birkdale recorded a 34 run home victory over New Brighton.

After choosing to bat first S&B were bowled out for 188, thanks to valuable runs from Logan Weston (48) and 23 each from Wim van der Walt and Josh Hine, with Ashraf Nawab taking 5-48 and Jack Horrocks 3-40. In reply 4-38 from skipper Chris Firth, 3-39 from Scott Lees and 2-26 from Craig Todd helped bowl out the visitors for 154 with veteran Lawrence Wilson (36) top scoring.

Hightown were put into bat at Leigh and then bowled out for 159, with Guy Edwards and Ian Sutcliffe joint top scorers with 37, whilst Australian all rounder Hamish Kingston took 4-69 with the ball.

In reply an undefeated 101 from Kingston and 35 from Chris Riley saw the hosts ease to a 6 wicket win (160-4) with D'Arcy taking 3-42.

In the First Division Ainsdale elected to bat at Newton le Willows and were bowled out for 173 with Wasim Jaffer (59) and Gary Wells (50) both in good touch, whilst Danny Barlow (6-51) was by the pick of the bowlers. In reply a combined bowling display from Mal Swift (5-23), Nathan Heathcliff-Core (3-22) and Nazim Mohammed (2-29) then helped dismiss the hosts for 86 to wrap up an 87 run victory.

In the Second Division Burscough are now bottom of the table after drawing at home to Wavertree, after being put into bat the visitors eventually declared after 58 overs on 188-5 thanks to an unbeaten 116 from Ken Highdale with Chris Andrews taking 2-17. In reply the hosts struggled to 116-8 off 50 overs with Andrews (28) top scoring and Kamir Sohail taking 4-23.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures include: Highfield v Hightown, S&B v Maghull, Formby v Rainhill and Burscough v Spring View

Perry makes it a happy holiday for Bootle

FIRWOOD gave their worst performance of 2013 on Saturday last but enjoyed convincing wins on the following two days.

Bootle put Wallasey into bat and openers, Mark Wilkie and Graham Reid put on 141.

Skipper Graeme Jones then gave youngster Adam Burton a chance to bowl and he responded with 6-26 in ten overs.

Wallasey declared at 215-6 after 55 overs before the Bootle batting was wrecked by the Australian Matthew

Wilcox (5-55) and Liam Crilly (5-30) as they were all out for just 104.

Sunday's Ray Digman Trophy tie against the holders Leigh at Wadham Road was a different story as the top order piled up the runs through Glenn Aitken (35), Craig Prince (56), Michael Gill (89) and Jonny Hine 76 to close on 336-6 from their 45 overs.

Despite a fine century from Hamish Kingston (114), Martyn Glover (31) was the only other man to attain double figures and Leigh ended on 188-6. Monday's home match with

Hightown was the only Premier League fixture to be played that day. Bootle shot out for the visitors for 98, Stephen Parry (7-26) and his spin partner Aitken (3-20) being the destroyers in chief and Bootle were victorious by nine wickets.

This week the 1st XI has three home games: Thursday (6pm), versus Caldý in the Cockspur Cup National Twenty20; Saturday (1pm) versus Northern, Premier League; Sunday (1pm) versus Wallasey, ECB National Club Championship.

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